





—
UNDERSTAND,

CLAUDEA?



IT WAS SAID
THAT A POWER-
FUL BLACK
ROSE

CAN
EVEN
CONTROL
THE
SACRIFICE'S
MIND, COM-
POSBLY.



THE PEOPLE
WHO WERE
BRODED BY THE
BLACK ROSE'S
POISON,

WILL BECOME
A MAD CREA-
TURE KNOWN
AS "THE SAC-
RIFICE."



ANY WAY
TO SAVE
HIM.

THERE
WON'T
BE IT



YOU MUST
BEAR IN
MIND, EVEN
IF THE OP-
PONENT
LOOKS
HUMAN,

IF HE IS
BRODED TO
THE POINT
OF LOSING
HIMSELF,





POINT
YOUR
GUN
TO-
WARDS
AND
SHOOT
THAT
PER-
SON

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Sprout:IV His Eaten Mind.

—被侵蚀的心—







—MISSED—

YOU'RE
SO MEAN!



AND YOU
SHOT
EXECUTIVE
BASURA.



BECAUSE
YOU
"MISS"---













MY
PREY.



"THAT"
IS...



RIGHT
NOW,
XENO
IS...



HAVE
SOME-
THING TO
ASK YOU...



XXXXXXXXXXXX







HEY...



PRIN-
CESS!

TO
SAVE
XENO...

WHAT
CAN I
DO...

RIGHT
NOW
I'M...
THINKING
OVER
AND
OVER...

BUT...
I CAN'T...

...
ROBIN
...

THERE'S
ONLY
ONE
ANSWER

NO
MATTER
HOW
HARD I
THINK...

THERE'S NO
WAY TO
RETURN HIM
TO NORMAL.

IF HE'S
BEEN
ERODED
TO SUCH A
STATE,



THERE'S
NO WAY
TO SAVE
HIM.



NO
MATTER
WHAT
THE
REASON...



"I WANT TO
BELIEVE
HIM..."

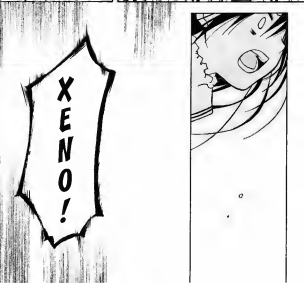
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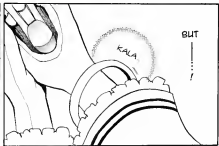
IS THIS
THE
ANSWER TO
THAT
QUES-
TION---?











—
I
CAN'T
DO
IT
!

...JUST
WHAT...
ARE
YOU
DOING
?

NO...





I DO NOT
KNOW WHAT
METHOD
YOU USED
TO MAKE
XENO A
SACRIFICE.



BUT HE IS
NOT THE
KIND OF
MAN WHO IS
SMART
ENOUGH...



TO TO
BETRAY
DIA
LIKE
THAT!



"I'LL
GIVE IT
TO YOU!"

"THIS
BRACELET



"IF YOU
FEEL THAT,
WORDS AREN'T
ENOUGH, JUST
TAKE IT AS A
PROOF."



"IT'S AN
AMULET THAT
I HAVE BEEN
HOLDING
ON TO."



"WHAT IS
THIS?"



"WHEN I
LOOK AT
THIS
BRACE-
LET."

"REMEM-
BER
TODAY'S
PROM-
ISE



"— I,
TOO,
WILL
..."

"IF YOU
DON'T WANT
IT, JUST
GIVE IT
BACK--"

"SHEESH...
IT CAN'T
BE HELPED"

"GEEZ,
BACK AN
OLD, PLAIN
AND UGLY
SPACE-
LET."

"TAKA THE OLD
MOTHERFUCKER"

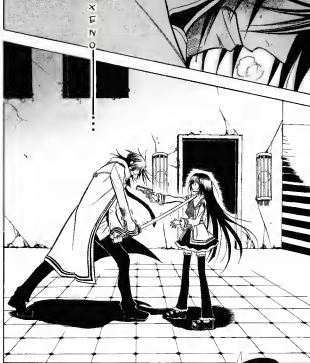
"SWOHL..."

"AT LEAST
SAY
THANK
YOU!"

"THEN
I'LL..."

JUST BEAR
WITH IT
FOR THE
MEANTIME!"

.....











AT LAST...
LET ME
TELL YOU
SOME-
THING.



WAS TO...
GET YOUR
ATTENTION
AND STALL
FOR TIME...

MY
RES-
SION,
WAS...



BAIT



I'M JUST

SUCH
A
PITY...



NOW
HE
SHOULD
...

SHOULD
BE GET-
TING
CLAU-
DIA'S
SEED
ABOUT
NOW...

YOU
ARE
—



I
COULDN'T
RETURN
TO OUR
COM-
RADE'S
SIDE WITH
YOU—

SORRY







THE
BLACK
ROSE'S
ZION.

THE
BLACK
ROSE
THAT
NUR-
TURED
THE
POI-
SON

I'M CREAM-
SON
BULLET'S
NEWEST
MEMBER—
ZION,

AND
ALSO



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VERY
HAPPY
TO
MEET
YOU
AGAIN

I AM



OR IS
IT
READY

ARE YOU
HAPPY
THAT I'M
ALIVE?



I FEEL HOR-
RIBLE FOR
NOT BEING
ABLE TO
MEET WITH
YOU EVERY
SINGLE DAY



TO
STAB
MY
HAND
INTO
YOUR
CHEST...

I WANT
TO
PUSH
YOU
DOWN,

HE!
HE!

THAT'S
WHY I'M
TERRIBLY
EXCITED.





THAT NIGHT,
AFTER LEAVING
US, HE SEEMED
TO DISCOVER
MORE INFOR-
MATION



THE SECRET
MISSION HE
MENTIONED
WAS FOLLOW-
ING MISTER
GENE'S ORDER
TO SEARCH FOR
THE TRAITOR
WITHIN THE AS-
SOCIATION.



KNOWING THAT
HE FOLLOWS
ORDERS QUIETLY ON HIS
OWN, I HAD HIGH EXPECTATIONS

THAT HE
MIGHT BE
ABLE TO
FIND THE
SECRET
LABORATORY.



"I ALREADY
HAVE UNDERLINGS
INVESTIGATING
ABOUT THIS,
INCLUDING
TODAY'S CASE..."

SENDA WAS
THE ONE
WHO ASKED
XENO TO
INVESTIGATE



MY TRUE
IDENTITY
HAD BEEN
DISCOVERED.



HE HEADED
TOWARDS THE
SECOND LIBRARY, AND
STARTED THE
MACHINE.

THEN,
JUST LIKE WE
EXPECTED,



BUT...

AFTER RECEIVING
NOTICE, I
RUSHED
THERE,



AND THAT THE
DESK HE
TOOK FROM
THE MACHINE
HAD NOTHING
TO DO WITH
THE INFOR-
MATION AND
THE LABORA-
TORY.

HE ACTED
ON PUR-
POSE.

KNOWING
THAT THERE
WAS A
CAMERA RE-
CORDING
HIM.



IT WAS ALL
TO USE HIM-
SELF AS
BAIT TO
LURE OUT
THE ENEMY.



BUT
FOR
HIM.

THAT
WAS
MORE
THAN
ENOUGH.



I BECAME
NERVOUS
WHEN HE DE-
STROYED THE
MACHINE.

AND UNCON-
SCIOUSLY
LET OUT A
SLIGHT AS-
SURATIVE
SOUND THAT I
IMMEDIATELY
COVERED UP



IT'S ABOUT
TIME...



"FRIEND-
SHIP
GAME"-----!



TO END
THIS...





BUT

I'LL
SPARE
YOUR
LIFE IF
YOU
TELL
ME.

IT'S AN-
OTHER
STORY IF
YOU KNOW
WHERE THE
LABORA-
TORY IS.



I ALREADY
KNOW WHAT
IT'S LIKE
TO DIE, AND
I WOULDN'T
TELL YOU
EVEN IF I DID
I KNOW.

THAT'S
SO
CLICHE



I DON'T
HAVE
TO TELL
YOU,

BE-
CAUSE
I'M...

GOING
TO KILL
YOU
RIGHT
HERE!



IF THAT'S
THE CASE,
THEN I'LL
MAKE YOU
A SACRI-
FICE,

AND HAVE
YOU SPIT
OUT EV-
ERYTHING
YOU
KNOW!



MY
THOUGHTS

HAVE
GIVEN OUT
OFF...?



IS IT
REALLY
OKAY
FOR
YOU TO
HURT
ME?

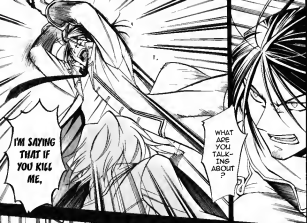


AND, BE-
CAUSE I'M
JETROSE, I
HAVE A
STRONGER
BOND WITH
THE SCAR-
LET ROSE!

THOSE
WITH THE
PREMIERE
ROSE... THERE
IS AN INVIS-
IBLE CON-
NECTION
WITHIN THEM.
THEIR FATE
IS BOUND
TOGETHER!



!?



I'M SAYING
THAT IF
YOU KILL
ME,

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALK-
ING
ABOUT?



WILL
DIE,
TOO!

CLAU-
DIA...



THOSE
THINGS
I SAID
...

HA
HA
HA
...



WERE
LIES.
☆





DID YOU...
DO TO
ME...

WHAT ON
EARTH...



SUCH A
PITY.
♡

YOU
ALMOST
KILLED
ME.



IT'S THE
POISON THAT
WAS NUR-
TURED WITHIN
US BLACK
ROSES.....

DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND?



A GIFT
FOR YOU!



TO REWARD
YOU FOR
CONVERTING
ME INTO
SUCH A
STATE,

I INSERTED
POISON
INTO YOUR
BODY
THROUGH
THAT WOUND
OF YOURS



YOU'RE
MY TOY
NOW!



THE TERRIBLE
POISON
THAT WILL
TRANSFORM
HUMANS INTO
MONSTERS



EVEN THAT
NEITHER OF
US CAN
RETURN TO
CLAUDIA
NOW.

THEN



THAT'S
RIGHT...



ON THE WAY
HERE, I SAW
CLAUDIA TALK-
ING TO BENZ.



LET'S LEAVE
HER WITH A
HUGE IMPACT,
THEN I'LL HAVE
YOU TAKE
YOUR LEAVE.

FIRST



AND MAKE
CLAUDIA'S
BODY...



COME,
XENO...

USE
THAT
SWORD...

BLOOM
WITH THE
BLOOD RED
FLOWER!





—YOU
KNOW THE
REST,
RIGHT?



MISS
CLAUDIA...
DON'T
COME
HERE!



ZION!

UPON
HEARING
MY
SCREAM,
YOU CAME
HERE,

AND
THEN
—



AND I LET
BASURA'S UN-
DERLINGS THAT
ADDICED WITH
MISS VICTO-
RIA BE MY RE-
PLACEMENT.



IT'S ALL TO
HAVE THE
NUMBER OF
BOOTES
MATCH.



RUN,
QUICK!





THAT'S
WHY

I HAD SAC-
POICES
ENTER THIS
PLACE ON
THAT NIGHT
TO TEST
OUT THE
SECURITY
HERE



I JOINED
"CRIMSON
BULLET" ON
PURPOSE.

AT FIRST IT
WAS TO UN-
DERSTAND THE
ENEMY'S -
RED ROSE'S -
SITUATION.



EVEN THOUGH
IT WAS ONLY
FOR A SHORT
TIME, MY
ACTING
WASN'T BAD,
WAS IT?



I ALSO
WANTED TO
SEE YOU WITH
MY OWN
EYES-----

BUT,
ASIDE
FROM
THAT,



FAILURES
OF 'PRE-
MIERE
ROSE'!

YOU, THE
'SCARLET ROSE'
THAT JOINED
'RED ROSE,'
THE ASSOCIA-
TION THAT KEPT
KILLING US



REGARDLESS
IF IT'S WITH
US BLACK
ROSES, DO
WITH YOU,
THIS PLACE
WAS THE RE-
BIRTHING OF
EVERYONE.

WE WERE
PLANTED WITH
THE SEED OF
'PROMISED
ROSE' RIGHT
HERE!



...FALL-
URES...?



YOU DON'T
KNOW ANY-
THINGS, DO
YOU?



AND THIS
THE BLACK
ROSES
WERE BORN.

AND FROM
THEM, THE
ONE WHO
WAS ABLE TO
ADAPT TO
THE SEED
AND ITS
GREAT
POWERS
WAS ME. THE
VETROSE.



AND NO IOGA
WHERE WE
WERE TAKEN
FROM, BUT WE
WERE USED AS
AN INGREDIENT
TO AN EXPERI-
MENT!

WE HAD
NO PRE-
VIOUS
MEMORY.



THERE WERE
COUNTLESS
PEOPLE THAT
USED US AS
MILITARY
FORCES.

BODIES
THAT NUR-
TURED THE
POISON
THAT TURNED
HUMANS
INTO MON-
STERS...

BODIES
THAT WERE
STRONGER
THAN
HUMANS,



THE DISAP-
PEARANCE OF
THE GENIUS
THAT CULTI-
VATED THE PRE-
MIERE ROSE
ALL BY HIM-
SELF...

UNTIL FIVE
YEARS
AGO...



YES,

WE ARE
THE
CHOSEN
ONES.



WE WERE
TROUBLED
WHEN THE
CREATOR
ABAN-
DONED
US.

WE COULD
NEVER DIS-
OBEY HIM,
AND HAD
NEVER EVEN
THOUGHT OF
IT.

HE WAS
LIKE
GOD
TO US.



THEY TREATED
US AS AN EYE-
SORE, AND
WANTED US TO
DISAPPEAR
COMPLETELY.



SCARLET
ROSE, WE'RE
DISCOV-
ERED AT
THAT TIME.

AND
YOU,



BUT

MORE
TROUBLED
WERE THE LAG
ASSISTANTS
THAT LOST THE
POWER TO
CONTROL THE
MONSTER.



---CRIM-
SON
BULLET

WAS THE
SPECIAL-
LY-MADE
BULLET THAT
WAS FILLED
WITH YOUR
BLOOD.



ALTHOUGH
EVERYONE
HEARD MEN-
TION OF A
DIFFERENT
'FAILURE,' NO
ONE HAD
EVER SEEN
IT.



AND WITH THAT, THE ASSOCIATION FOUND A NEW WAY TO CONTROL US.

EVEN THOUGH WE'RE FROM THE SAME PREMIERE ROSE, YOUR BLOOD IS POISONOUS TO US BLACK ROSES.



FIGURED I MIGHT AS WELL RETURN YOUR BLOOD TO YOU!

AA
AA
AA
HN !!

UGH ...



THE RE-SEARCHERS TURNED THEIR ATTENTION TO YOU, AND WE WERE TREATED AS DANGEROUS MONSTERS.

IN THE END, THEY DECIDED TO ELIMINATE US.

SO,



...PLUS, YOUR BODY IS DIFFERENT FROM US BLACK ROSES: YOU DON'T POSSESS THE BLACK ROSES' DEADLY FLAW.





THAT'S
WHY WE
WILL
NEVER
FORGIVE
RED ROSE!

AND YOU
ARE JUST A
FAILURE THAT
SNATCHED
AWAY OUR
PLACE TO
EXIST!!



AN IMPOR-
TANT EXECU-
TIVE FELT
THAT IT WAS
WRONG TO DO
SO, AND
HELPED US
ESCAPE FROM
THE ASSO-
CIATION.

BUT



THROWING
US AWAY
AFTER
USING
US...

AND THEN
THE RED
ROSE
STARTED
TO DE-
STROY
BLACK
ROSES,



AND SMILE
HAPPILY AS IF
YOU'RE HAPPY
WITH YOUR
STATE. IT
MAKES US
LOATHE YOU
FROM THE
BOTTOM OF
OUR HEARTS!!

BUT
YOU
IGNORE
IT COM-
PLETE-
LY.

YOU
DON'T
KNOW
ANY-
THING
...

NO, YOU
MIGHT
WELL
KNOW
EVERY-
THING...



I THOUGHT
ABOUT



SO



SO



THIS IS
GREAT!



USING
XENO,
WHO
WAS SO
IMPOR-
TANT TO
YOU, TO
CRUSH
YOUR
HEART!!



NONE OF
US GETS
TO LIVE
LONG



US,
BLACK
ROSS





WE WILL
CATCH A TER-
RIBLE DIS-
EASE CALLED
THE "BLACK
SPOT" AND
OIE!

SOONER
OR LATER,



STUDY YOUR
SEER, AND WE
MIGHT JUST
FIND A WAY
TO SURVIVE!

THAT'S
WHY I
WANTED
TO STOP IT
FROM HAP-
PENING.



DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND
THIS
AGONY?

EVERYTIME I
SEE MY
FRIENDS DIE,
GRIEVING
AND MOAN-
ING...



I HAVE
TO KILL
YOU!

IN ORDER
TO HELP MY
FRIENDS,





—YOU
MUST
THINK IT'S
WEIRD,
RIGHT?



BLEEDING
SO MUCH,
YET YOUR
ROSE HASN'T
GOTTEN OUT
OF CON-
TROL.



THE ONE
WE HAVE
BEEN
SEARCHING
FOR—

BECAUSE
THESE
BULLETS
ARE SPE-
CIAL-
LY MADE,
TOO.

IT HAS THE
ABILITY TO
CONTROL THE
ACTIVITIES
OF THE PRE-
MIERE ROSE.



DOES IT
HURT?

DO YOU
SUFFER?

HOW DOES
THE DEATH
SCYTHE'S
BULLET
FEEL?

DEATH SCYTHE

DESTROY THE
ROSE THAT
FELL TO THE
EARTH

COME



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THE ONE THAT
I SHOT YOU
WITH IS THE
BULLET TO
CONTROL THE
DOGS' AC-
TIVITIES.

IS THE ONLY
THING THAT
CAN MELT
YOUR ENTIRE
BODY, AND
SEND YOU
TOWARDS
DEATH—

000
710
12-12-12

THESE ARE
TWO TYPES
OF DEATH
SAYING BILL
LETS

DOESN'T
THIS
TRAGIC
ENDING
SUIT YOU
VERY
WELL.....?

**FILTHY
GRIM-
MON
SHELL**





I
STILL
...
CAN'T
DIE
YET.



Sprout: VI Epilogue of Prologue.

—最初的終幕—





IS
THIS
BASE
OF
HATRED?

MADE
XENO
SAY
THOSE
THINGS...

IT WAS
YOU...
WHO
MADE
XENO
SAY
THOSE
WORDS...



IN ORDER
TO CON-
TINUE
STANDING,
TO BECOME
POWERFUL...

HA...

SO
YOUR
WOUND
HAS
HEALED?



!?



NO
MAT-
TER
WHAT
IT
IS









HAVE YOU
HEARD
ABOUT
THE
'SCARLET
ROSE'?

SHE WON'T
GET DIS-
BAGED WITH
'BLACK SPOT',
AND CAN
SURVIVE
WITHOUT
CONSUMING
OTHERS'
LIVES.



UGH—



WAS TRYING TO
HAVE THE POWER
OF 'SCARLET
ROSE' ALL TO
HIMSELF?

PERHAPS
THAT
PERSON...



ARE THE
TRUE
FLAWED
'FAILURES',
RIGHT?



TELLING US
THAT THE
GIRL WAS A
'FAILURE',
AND KEEPING
HER IN HIS
ROOM...

BUT
REALLY,
THE BLACK
ROSES
THAT WERE
FORCED
ONTO
US—





MAYBE
THIS
GUY!





THEY ARE
PEOPLE
WHO
DON'T
FEAR ME,
AND WILL
CALL OUT
MY NAME!

THEY
WON'T
CALL ME
A NON-
SITES,

AND
WON'T
CALL ME
CRIMSON
SHELL



SO
DO I!



...SO...



TO PROVE
MY OWN
EXIS-
TENCE,

THIS
NAME IS
MORE
THAN
ENOUGH
!!



AS LONG
AS THOSE
IDIOTS ARE
WILLING TO
CALL OUT
MY NAME,

I'M
STILL
CLAU-
DIA!!





UNTIL I
FIND OUT
WHAT I AM
CAPABLE
OF...



LIKE YOU
SAID...I'M
JUST AN
IGNO-
RANT,
WEAK
BEING...



BUT...

BECAUSE
OF
THAT...



HAVE
TO CON-
TINUE
LIVING
!!

THOSE RE-
SEARCHERS
WHO USED
TO BE VERY
NICE TO US,
FEAR US ALL
OF A
SUDDEN

MISS
VICTORIA,

AND US
BLACK
DOGS
BEING
RE-
SELECT-
ED?

IS IT
BE-
CAUSE
OF
SCAR-
LET
DOGGY'S
PRE-
SENCE.

WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO?

THEN

IT'S
MEANING-
LESS IF
WE'RE NOT
NEEDED!
WE WILL
LOSE OUR
PURPOSE
FOR STAYING
HERE!

BE-
CAUSE

WE WERE
'CREATED'
BY
FATHER—

NO
MATTER
HOW
MANY
TIMES.

UNTIL YOU
CONFIRM
YOUR
PLACE TO
BELONG.

EVERY-
ONE WILL
STILL
CALL OUT
YOUR
NAME

AAA...

Waa

IS FOR
YOU TO
DIS-
COVER.

THE
PLACE
TO
EXIST

ZION, WE
NEED YOU!

IF YOU
STILL
FEEL IN-
SECURE.

EVERYONE
WILL CALL
OUT YOUR
NAME...



I REALLY
WANTED TO
KILL THIS
GIRL
FROM THE
BOTTOM
OF MY
HEART.....

EVEN
THOUGH I
KEEP
SAVING I
DID THIS
FOR EVERY-
ONE..



DO
YOU...
STILL
HAVE A
GUN....

WHY

KACCA



THE THING
THAT I TRULY
DESIRE
MOST...

THE THING
THAT IS
FAR MORE
IMPORTANT
THAN ANY
THING
ELSE...

BUT



IF
CLAU-
DIA
WAS
NOT
HERE,

MAYBE
FATHER
WOULD
NEED ME
AGAIN...



NO
MATTER
WHAT...

ARE THE
ONES
THAT
WILL
STAY
BY MY
SIDE

VIC

ARE THE
ONES
THAT
WILL
STAY
BY MY
SIDE





—
EH
...



...
XENO
...









THAT IS
ENOUGH



BUT,
YOU'RE
STILL
WILLING
TO TRUST
ME...



HAS BEEN
RESCUED
AND RE-
DEEMED.



MY
HEART



...













NO...

RECOVERING HIS CONSCIOUSNESS

SO THAT GUY...

IT'S INCREDIBLE THAT HE'S BEEN ABLE TO REGAIN HIS CONSCIOUSNESS AT THIS STATE.

I DON'T WANT THINGS TO END LIKE THIS!

THIS CAN'T BE!

WILL ABSOLUTELY—

HE MIGHT FULLY TRANSFORM INTO A MONSTER!

DEA...

NO...

NO!!

IT'S MEANINGLESS WITHOUT XENO!





XENO

....!

DIA!

I
CAN'T

GO
WITH-
OUT
YOU

7

2

1





BUT WE STILL
CAN'T FIND
XENO'S AND
ZION'S
BODIES



WE'VE RUN
OUT THAT
HOUSE
THAT'S COL-
LAPSED

IT'S
BEEN 3
DAYS
SINCE
THAT IM-
CIDENT...



SAME
AS
LULLA



XXXXXXXXXXXX



HOW'S
LITTLE
LASS'S
CONDI-
TION?



DEEP IN
SLUMBER---

STILL---





—SILENT
FOR
NOW.



JUST LET
HER SLUM-
BER.



UNTIL

THE ROSES BLOOM
AGAIN.

THE END

Special Thanks!!

@MANGAKA'S NOTE@

NICE TO MEET YOU, EVERYONE! I'M JUN MOCHIZUKI!
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PURCHASING 'CRIMSON
SHELL'

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN SERIALIZED IN A
MAGAZINE, AND HAD MY SERIES PUBLISHED.
ALTHOUGH I JUST HAVE THE MEMORIES OF
DRAWING AND DRAWING NON-STOP, THE
THOUGHTS AFTER FINISHING THIS STORY WERE
'OH MY~ I NEVER THOUGHT I COULD DRAW THIS
KIND OF STORY~ AHAHAHAH' (SMILE)

AS A MANGA CAN ONLY BE ACCOM-
PLISHED WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE'S HELP, I
CAN'T FINISH EVERYTHING ON MY OWN. I
FEEL EXTREMELY HAPPY TO DISCOVER
THIS WHOLE NEW WORLD.

TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY THAT OF-
FERED HELP, TO EDITOR M-SAMA
FROM THE DEEP, DARK WORLD THAT
KICKED THE PURE, INNOCENT ME TO
THE CORNER AND WHO CAN NEVER
RETURN (SMILE), AND TO EVERY
SINGLE READER - A BIG THANK
YOU TO ALL OF YOU!

